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Captain Neher received a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Chicago, a J.D. from Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent College of Law, and an LL.M. in International and Comparative Law from The George Washington University School of Law, all with honors.

After graduating from Naval Justice School in 1984, Captain Neher served as Defense Counsel and Senior Trial Counsel at Naval Legal Service Office, Corpus Christi. In 1986, he transferred to the Administrative Law Division of the Office of the Judge Advocate General, where he drafted Navy's regulations implementing the Goldwater-Nichols Act among other duties.

From 1988 to 1990, Captain Neher served as Command Judge Advocate, Naval Station, Mayport, and in 1990 was assigned as Command Judge Advocate in USS FORRESTAL. He deployed in FORRESTAL to the Mediterranean, participating in Operations PROVIDE COMFORT and NORTHERN WATCH in Iraq.

During the 1992-93 academic year, Captain Neher attended The George Washington University, and in June 1993, he was assigned as Staff Judge Advocate, Cruiser-Destroyer Group ONE, embarked in USS CONSTELLATION. Captain Neher deployed in the Pacific and Arabian Gulf, participating in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

In 1995, Captain Neher was assigned as Legal Counsel to the Director of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). He was a member of an FBI-NCIS counterintelligence team that solved two highly publicized espionage cases.

From 1997 to 1999, Captain Neher served as Deputy Fleet Judge Advocate, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and in 1999 was assigned as the Legal and Oceans Policy Adviser to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy and Operations). He later served as Counsel to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations and Director of Claims, Tort Litigation and Investigations, Office of the Judge Advocate General.

From 2003 to 2005, Captain Neher served as the Executive Assistant to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, Commander, U.S. FIFTH Fleet. In July 2005 he reported to his current assignment.

Captain Neher's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (five awards) and Navy Commendation Medal (four awards).